

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 19, 2003. Claims 1-11 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 1-11 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1-11 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) because they included a reference sign not mentioned in the description.

Applicants have amended the description to include the missing reference sign, "SP3," and submit that the description is now consistent with the drawings. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Applicants note that the reference sign was correctly included in the drawing but inadvertently omitted from the description. Since the reference sign was already included in the drawings, the amendment to the description does not add any new matter to the application.

Specification

The Specification has been amended to correct for informalities. Applicants submit that the Specification is now in compliance with all formality requirements.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al. (US Patent No. 5,977,964).

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 6 and 11) are patentable over Williams.

Applicants' invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward a system and method for receiving headline information related to an information. The claims specify that the headline information is searched according to user preference information. The claims further specify that "the results of searching based on said user preference information are stored so that they can be recalled in response to a command initiated by said user."

Williams does not disclose searching headline information based on user preference information and then storing the results of the search so that the results can be recalled in response to a command initiated by the user. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 1, 6 and 11 are patentable over Williams on at least this basis.

Claims 2-5 depend on claim 1. Since claim 1 is believed to be patentable over Williams, claims 2-5 are believed to be patentable over Williams on the basis of their dependency on claim 1.

Claims 7-10 depend on claim 6. Since claim 6 is believed to be patentable over Williams, claims 7-10 are believed to be patentable over Williams on the basis of their dependency on claim 6.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicants' undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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